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For: **VIRAL VECTORS AND LINE FOR** )  
**GENE THERAPY** )

**THIRD STATUS INQUIRY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Further to our Status Inquiry filed on April 21, 2003, please advise, in writing, as to the current status of a first Official Action on the merits in connection with the above-captioned application. The last correspondence received from the PTO was the Notice of Publication of Application received on November 5, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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